



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 9, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Meditation in F Major

Auguste Larriu

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Romans 10)

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

OPENING PRAYER

Chrissy Stevens

*HYMN 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lisa Patterson

Faithful God, you are steadfast and true, the anchor of our lives. We confess that we are far less reliable. We make promises we fail to keep, and we hedge our commitments. Too often, our "yes" turns into "no," and our motives are divided. We say "yes" to your call with our lips, yet live "no" through our hesitation, our fear, and our self-interest. Forgive us for doubting your promises when our circumstances shift. Forgive us for relying on our own strength rather than your Spirit. Realign our hearts with your truth. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us the courage to live lives of discipleship. Through Jesus Christ, the ultimate "Yes," we pray. Amen. (Time of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 584)

CUEQUITA

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high!

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high!

And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased.

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sylvia Hobdy

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acts 17: 10-15

New Testament, page 129

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

Hans Leo Hassler

Lauren Lafferty, soprano; Kathryn Davidson, mezzo-soprano; John Friskney, tenor;
Matt Carlson, baritone; Matthew Morrison, baritone

Words:

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
Cantate Domino omnis terra.
Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus;
annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.
Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus;
in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

Translation

O sing unto the Lord a new song,
Sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name;
Be telling of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his honour unto the heathen;
and his wonders unto all people.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Blessing of the Backpacks

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 1: 15-22

New Testament, page 168

SERMON

"Yes or No?"

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The New 23rd

Ralph Carmichael

Lauren Lafferty, soprano; Kathryn Davidson, mezzo-soprano; John Friskney, tenor;
Matt Carlson, baritone; Matthew Morrison, baritone; Daeun Kim, piano

Because the Lord is my shepherd,
I have everything that I need.
He lets me rest in meadows green
And leads me beside the quiet stream;
He keeps on giving life to me
And helps me to do what honors Him the most.

Even when walking through the dark valley of
death,
I will never be afraid,

For He is close beside me,
Guarding, guiding all the way,
He spreads a feast before me
In the presence of my enemies
He welcomes me as His special guest
with blessings overflowing,
His goodness and unfailing kindness
shall be with me all of my life,
And afterwards I will live with him,
forever in His home.

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune in D Major

Craig Lang

*Bold Text indicates congregational participation. *Those who are able are asked to stand.*

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by David and Caia McCullar in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,

through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!

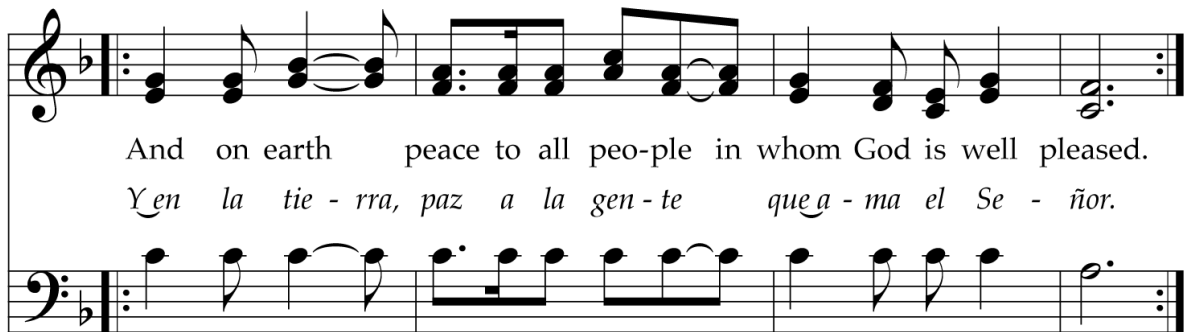
This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

Glory, Glory, Glory

584



Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!
¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, en las al - tu - ras a Dios!



And on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.
Y en la tie - rra, paz a la gen - te que a - ma el Se - ñor.

TEXT: Based on Luke 2:14; Pablo Sosa, 1989
MUSIC: Pablo Sosa, 1989
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CUEQUITA

462

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, indicated by a single sharp (F#) on the treble clef. The key signature is G major. The time signature is common time (C). The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the doxology. The second system covers the second line. The third system covers the third line, ending with a double bar line. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Acts 17: 10-15

10 That very night the brothers and sisters sent Paul and Silas off to Beroea, and when they arrived they went to the Jewish synagogue. 11 These Jews were more receptive than those in Thessalonica, for they welcomed the message very eagerly and examined the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so. 12 Many of them therefore believed, including not a few Greek women and men of high standing. 13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Beroea as well, they came there, too, to stir up and incite the crowds. 14 Then the brothers and sisters immediately sent Paul away to the coast, but Silas and Timothy remained behind. 15 Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and, after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

2 Corinthians 1: 15-22

15 Since I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a double favor;^[d] 16 I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on to Judea. 17 Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to ordinary human standards,^[e] ready to say "Yes, yes" and "No, no" at the same time? 18 As surely as God is faithful, our word to you is not^[f] "Yes and No." 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not "Yes and No," but in him it has always been "Yes." 20 For in him every one of God's promises is a "Yes." For this reason it is through him that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God. 21 But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, 22 who has put his seal on us and given^[g] us his Spirit in our hearts as a down payment.

Prayer Teams

As we look toward the fall, the Session is inviting the congregation into a period of prayerful reflection around a central question: What is St. Andrew's vision for who God is calling us to be in the coming years? In the fall, this process will include town hall meetings with the congregation to discuss the hopes and dreams for the vision, dedicated time by the Session focused on developing this vision, and a sermon series on vision.

A critical part of this vision journey will be prayers for God's guidance and direction. Prayer has shaped and formed God's people since creation, and we at St. Andrew make prayer a foundational part of our life together. As we enter a season of discernment, the Session is inviting members who feel called to participate in a short-term prayer ministry. Prayer teams of approximately 6 to 8 individuals will pray for the Session, the congregation, and God's guidance as we listen faithfully for what God may be revealing to St. Andrew during this time. We hope to begin organizing the prayer teams in mid-July with a commitment from prayer team members to be involved in the prayer process through the fall. Each prayer team will have a moderator assigned who will be responsible for the ongoing communications with the prayer team and helping organize how the prayer team will pray together. The Session will provide prompts for the prayer team based on the visioning process the Session is following, but the prayer team's primary responsibility will be to pray for God's guidance and listen for what God might be telling St. Andrew through its prayer teams.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to contact the church office or speak to Dr. Culp or Dr. Patterson directly. Session and pastoral leadership may also extend personal invitations to members to join in this important task of prayer.

We know that St. Andrew already has active prayer teams who meet weekly to pray for those on our prayers lists. These prayer teams are in addition to those ongoing prayer groups. We covet all your prayers as this season unfolds.

Ramp Up to Rally Day

Begins August 19

5:30pm-7:30pm

Join us in the lead up to our first official Super Wednesday with a number of scaled-down versions of our typical programming from August 19 through September 9. Meal sign up on Realm! August 19 will be meal and bingo in Fellowship Hall!

Call for Fall Guide

Deadline: Today!

It's time to start putting together the Fall Guide! The Fall Guide is our seasonal publication detailing all of the classes, activities, and groups happening at St. Andrew from Labor Day until the Christmas season. Please submit your 3-5 sentence announcement for your committee by 11:00pm on Sunday, August 9. The Fall Guide will be printed and mailed the week of August 30!

Theology on Tap

Monday, August 10

Theology On Tap will meet Monday, August 10, 6:30 p.m., at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is, "What does it mean to be human?" We will be considering our needs as humans and what it means to be you. I hope you'll join us for the conversation.

Emergency Relief Fund - June Report

In June, the Mission Committee received and approved 3 Emergency Relief Fund applications for \$500 each. The total number of approved Emergency Relief Fund applications for 2026 is 11. No Emergency Relief Fund contributions were received in June.

Pool Party for All Ages

Today, 2:30pm-4:30pm

Southridge Recreation Club

1904 Woodbrook St., Denton

Kona Ice Truck from 3-4pm

Bring your chairs, water bottles, sunscreen, towels, and any water floats needed for a fun time at the pool!

5th Sunday Mission Project at St. Andrew

Sunday, August 30

Fellowship Hall, 9:30am

The Mission Committee invites everyone to participate in our second 5th Sunday Mission Project at 9:30am on Sunday, August 30. We'll be packing hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You can make a monetary donation for items for the hygiene kits. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give. Use the drop-down menu and choose 5th Sunday Mission to give or place a check in the offering plate. Questions? Contact Russ Tillman at k5nrk@bellsouth.net.

Give-a-Meal-a-Month

\$3.00 Feeds One Person in Need for a Day

St. Andrew donated \$551.89 to the Give-a-Meal-a-Month program in June which fed about 184 people for a day. Donations can be made by mail or online. Please write Give-a-Meal on your envelope or check when giving by mail. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

Prayer Requests

Margo Bean
Shirley Janes

Steve Goldston
Karissa Sims Casas,
granddaughter of Barbara Hundley Sims
Staffan Kyling, friend of Ron Harris

Ella Armstrong

Dylan Peterson, grandson of June McNeill
Scott Robertson, friend of Scott Campbell
Georgia Caraway, friend of Peggy Capps
Bob Cheeseman, father of Brian Cheeseman
Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family

We are grateful for the opportunity to pray for and with the people on our prayer list each Sunday. Our Sunday morning prayers are joined through the week by members and the prayer teams that meet each week. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. If there is a need and desire to add the name back to the list, please let the church office know, and we will add the name to the list.

WELCOME!

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

If you wish to join St. Andrew today, please contact one of the ministers.

Children's Chapel

During the worship service, children ages three years through kindergarten are invited to go to chapel immediately following the Time with Young Disciples.

David

Karen Raabe and Nursery Staff

Godly Play seeks to tell the stories of the faith so that children hear and remember these stories and become engaged in them. It also provides a place and opportunities for children to begin exploring the purpose and meaning of worship. Parents may come upstairs to the Children's Chapel to pick children up following the worship service.

By the Numbers: As of 6/30/2026

Income (pledges + other income)	\$520,762
Expenses	\$553,071
Difference	-\$32,809

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Daeun Kim, Organist



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